

### Registrar To Conduct All Voting

Election duties of the Los Angeles County Superintendent of Schools office will be transferred to the Registrar of Voters July 1 in an economy move.

The transfer, initiated by Supervisor Kenneth Hahn, is expected to save some \$16,880 per year.

Hahn asked that a study of consolidating election functions under the Registrar of Voters in April, 1965, because of "an alarming lack of interest in school board elections."

As few as 8 per cent of the registered voters have voted in some school district elections, Hahn said.

The new system will make the Registrar of Voters responsible for school elections, printing of ballots, mailing of sample ballots, and canvassing and certifying the elections, Hahn said.

### Contracts Signed for Freeway Phone System

Contracts authorizing the installation of emergency telephones on every freeway in Los Angeles County have been signed with three participating telephone companies, Supervisor Kenneth Hahn announced today.

Hahn has led a 13-year campaign to provide the freeway phones.

Contracts have been signed by chief officers of Pacific Telephone and Telegraph in San Francisco, General Telephone, and California Water and Telephone.

ALTHOUGH first installations are scheduled for August, Hahn has asked that the telephone companies enter a crash program to begin installation even earlier.

"A crash program is necessary," he said, "because every hour on our freeway system there is an accident, an automobile fire, or a citizen stranded with mechanical problems.

"When one car stops on our freeways, tremendous traffic jams are created," he observed.

HE STRESSED that the telephones give other motorists opportunity to aid in emergencies by pulling to the freeway shoulder and placing a call directly to police, bringing assistance quickly.

Expansion of the system to every freeway was called for on the basis of the success of 80 telephones placed at quarter-mile intervals on the Harbor Freeway in July, 1965, as a pilot project.

More than 600 calls a month are made from motorists and policemen from these phones between the Santa Monica Interchange and Rosecrans.

Now more than 2,200 phones will be installed on approximately 280 miles of freeway, with completion expected in 1970.

### Fire Service Day Slated For May 6

Torrance fire stations will observe Fire Service Day with open house from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. on Saturday, May 6, residents were reminded this week.

Opening the doors to the public will be the headquarters station at Carson and Crenshaw and stations at the airport; at Artesia and Yukon; Calle Mayor and Pacific Coast Highway, and the new station at 3940 Del Amo Blvd.

The date of the observance was inadvertently listed a week early in Sunday's Press-Herald.

Fire Service Day is being observed throughout the state in recognition of all fire fighters.

### Group Dental Plans Gain Solid Support of Public

Your Dental Health — No. 25 (This is one of a series of articles on dental health prepared by the Harbor Dental Society, an affiliate of the American Dental Association.)

More than two million persons are now covered by some form of dental prepayment and by 1970, that figure may rise to 15 million, according to the American Dental Association.

In group plans written by commercial insurance companies, employees and their dependents are insured for nearly all phases of dental treatment. In most of the plans currently in operation, the employer or union pays the premium.

Typically, the employee pays a modest deductible for his entire family and then pays

about 20 per cent of subsequent expenses. The insurance policy covers the remaining 80 per cent up to an established maximum commitment.

THESE PLANS make it possible for a man and his family to budget for dental care on a regular basis. According to the ADA, regular dental care prevents most dental difficulties from arising; it's the best insurance against the severe disorders which result from postponed treatment.

These insurance plans allow each person to select his own dentist, and the dentist retains his professional freedom to recommend the course of treatment he thinks best.

Another method of dental prepayment is the dental

service corporation. These corporations are nonprofit service organizations similar to Blue Cross-Blue Shield, sponsored by a state dental society. To date, 23 states have organized them, and more than one and a half million persons are covered.

ONE SUCH state is California, where some 500,000 persons are covered by the service corporation. More than 13 million dollars worth of dental care has been financed this way by California's dental service corporation since it was established.

According to Dr. F. Gene Dixon, vice president and managing director of the corporation, the demand for prepaid dental care is steadily rising.

The dental profession has taken the lead in developing

prepayment programs "to insure the maintenance of professional responsibility for quality and cost control," he said.

YOU CAN find out if your state has such a dental service corporation by contacting your local dental society.

Whether or not such a plan exists, and whether or not you have dental insurance, don't let the cost of treatment keep you from seeing your dentist.

The ADA recommends that you discuss fees freely with your dentist before treatment begins, and methods of payment can usually be worked out satisfactorily.

One thing is certain—seeing your dentist regularly twice a year, or more often if necessary, is the least expensive in the long run. Keeping your mouth healthy avoids those problems stemming from neglect which are difficult to treat and require extensive, time-consuming, and therefore expensive, dental care.

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